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The Fisk University Jubilee Quartet Concert

THE Fisk Jubilee Quartet appeared at the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel of Howard University, November thirtieth, to a capacity audience, presenting an unique program, consisting of Negro Folk Songs, classical selections, and readings from the writings of the Negro poet, Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

The one thing that marred an otherwise delightful evening was the neglect on the part of the management in preparing programs for the occasion, which made it very hard to keep all the numbers in mind, and the names of a few of the composers, as some of the selections were heard here for the first time. And aside from this, the program being of such a unique and unusual order, one would have desired a program as a souvenir.

The program may be divided into two groups, the first group served to show off all the voices in the quartet. Among some of the plantation and classical songs rendered in this group were "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Going to Shout all over God's Heaven," "Old Kentucky Home," "Lullaby," "Remember now Thy Creator," "Lead Kindly Light," and "Crossing the Bar." The quartet was as equally at home in elaborate, modern compositions as in the simple plantation songs. Their rendition in each of these songs was magnificent from start to finish. Their tone, soothing harmony, phrasing, precision and their quick and large expression were a lesson in quartet singing.

The second group served to show off the individual voice

of each singer assisted by the other three. "Steal away to Jesus," a beautiful arrangement of this simple plantation melody by Mr. Frederick Jerome Work, was sung by Mr. J. W. Work. Mr. J. W. Work has a singing voice, full, vibrant, and expressive, although some of his tones did want a wholly sensuous quality, due no doubt to a slight indisposition.

The Quartet's arrangement of Ethelbert Nevin's beautiful classic, "The Rosary," was masterly to a degree that baffles description. In the solo part Mr. Leon Pulaski O'Hara displayed a remarkable baritone voice of much sweetness, but owing to a slight indisposition, which rendered his upper tones a little husky and strident, he was unable to do full justice to the closing measures, "To kiss the cross, sweet heart."

Mr. M. W. Ryder possesses a huge, strong, robust, vigorous voice, and the depth and sonority of his voice combined with the others in the rendition of Foster's "Old Black Joe," produced an organ-like effect that was overwhelming.

The individual hit of the evening was scored by Mr. J. H. Myers in his singing and readings. In that plaintive melody, "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," Mr. Myers by his bell-like notes, perfect phrasing of tones, and soft dying away effect of the final measures of the melody produced an effect that was piteous to a degree almost heart-rending. Among the pieces recited by Mr. J. A. Myers were "When Melindy Sings," "A Coquette Conquered," "Deacon Jones' Grievance," "Two Little Boots," "The Party" and "In de Morning." In each of

these he plunged from mood to mood—through the gamut of sadness, plaintive innocence, surprise, tremulous fear, inquisitiveness, agonized grief, cloying tenderness, heart-rending contrition—as easily as he did in his singing.

At the close of the concert Dr. Lewis B. Moore, who introduced the singers in a masterly manner, called on President Wilbur P. Thirkield for a few brief remarks, after which the quartet retired to the reception rooms of the Carnegie Library where a repast was tendered them by the Faculty Club of the University.

—R. G. DOGGETT.

"ONE OF THE EIGHT"

Under the direction of Mr. Washington, Instructor of Elocution in the Academy, the members of the senior class intend to present to the public, about the end of February '11, a comedy entitled "One of the Eight."

This comedy is a modern college play in four acts, written by Norman Lee Swartout. It has been very successfully presented by some of the leading colleges of the country. It displays college life in all its phases. If it should be successfully presented here, it would reflect great credit not only upon the members of the senior class, but also upon the department as a whole. Inasmuch as the members of the senior class have entered upon this enterprise with the same spirit, zeal, and enthusiasm which they display in everything they do, or in which they take a part, nothing but success is expected.

A. H. TAVERNIER,

Manager

SOPHS DEFEAT FRESHIES Score 3 to 2

AMID shouts, and yells, and intense rivalry, the Sophs defeated the fast little Freshmen team last Saturday by the close score of 3 to 2. The Sophs were victorious but were clearly outplayed and outgeneraled by the "Newcomers," the fast little mid-gets who measured strides with Nixon, Beamon, Butler, and "Dolly" Hodge, the big husky subs on the 1910 squad.

Captain Nixon of the Sophs was in the game all the time but the real star was Artie Brown, the Freshman quarter who continually baffled the old veterans. His work was quite in contrast to the dull, listless attempts of the big, strong Sophomore representatives who, it appeared at the kick off, would tower like a colossus above the puny weaklings. The game was clearly a case of brain against brawn as the Freshman score was due mainly to uncertainty on the part of Jayson, a husky Soph who recovered the ball behind his own goal, as to whether he should keep the ball in play, thereby allowing the fleet-footed little "Greenies" to tackle him behind her goal making a safety for them with a score of two points.

FRESHMEN WIN TOSS

The new boys won the toss and the Sophs kicked off. Captain Nixon stuck his toe in the pigskin but the boys took it in and attempted to plough the Sophs' line for downs but were forced to kick. The punt was blocked but in the rush the "farmers" recovered the oval on their 120 yard line and little Brown began to play rings around the Sophs' end for 8 yards. "Dolly" Hodge fumbled a punt on his 45 yard line and the Freshies bore toward the goal. Captain Nixon intercepted little Brown on his next run and Dolly took care of the next punt from the Freshies toe. Both teams were penalized during the quarter but in addition, the Sophs

usually lost all the ground gained because of their dumb playing. The Sophs lined up for a punt and Berry in center overthrew Nixon who called for the ball and it when over. A pretty forward pass put the "farmers" within 3 yards of the goal and the whistle blew for time.

The Sophs came back in the second quarter and held the play like the giants that they are but as soon as the ball went over a big husky soph fumbled and the Freshies opened up hostilities again. Their plays were good but sheer strength stopped their on-slaught and they were forced to punt again, but Nixon took it in camp and after a quarter back run, kicked again. The best done during the quarter was a penalty on the Sophs for holding and the blowing of the official's whistle to end the half.

SECOND HALF FULL OF ENTHUSIASM

Captain Nixon received the kick off from the Freshies and returned the pigskin to Brown on 35 yard line. After a punt the newcomers recovered a punt that Nixon fumbled, but "Dolly" Hodge took care of the next one and ran the ball up 15 yards. The Freshies tried a quarterback run but were thrown back and Jason, a big husky Soph fumbling the punt from the Freshies toe recovered it behind his own goal and was downed for a safety, giving his opponents two points. The two elevens lined up on 25 yard line and were fighting hard when the whistle blew for the third quarter.

SOPHS STRONG IN LAST

The husky Sophs came back with renewed vigor and determination, and breaking through the little boys line got the ball on a fumble at third down. In a line up for a punt, Beamon rushed down the field and recovered the ball on the 35 yard line and this large gain aroused enthusiasm but Captain Nixon aroused determination when he received a

forward pass from "Dolly" and carried the skin to the Freshies 11 yard line. Here the youngsters lost little Brown who was hurt in tackling big Nixon. This was a very severe loss because Artie was easily a star throughout the game. A substitute was sent in to relieve him but he returned during the quarter and tried hard to ward off his pending doom, but it availed him little when Nixon and Jason hit his line. Just when victory seemed a certainty for the sophs, an attempted forward pass on the third down failed and the ball went over. The Freshmen kicked and recovered but Dolly handled the second punt well and brought it back to the 7 yard line. The team lined up with fifteen seconds to play and Captain Nixon's toe sent the oval between the two uprights for three points. A drop kick had won the game and Nixon was hailed the hero. Score was 3 to 2.

C. U. C. NIGHT

The first public session of the Council of Upper Classmen was held last Friday evening, Nov. 30, in the Chapel. The main feature was a comprehensive and learned lecture on "The Law Eternal" by Prof. H. H. Hart of the Howard University Law School. Charming instrumental and vocal solos were rendered by Misses Eva B. Dykes and Perle Alexander. In his introductory speech, the President of the Council, Mr. J. C. Waters, stated that the Council stood for more than the two "proms" that it gives yearly. These are only social manifestations of a great body. But under the slogan of "Energetic Excellence" they are pressing forward in the promotion of friendship and helpfulness among the student body.

The Honorable John W. Foster will deliver the address at Vespers, Sunday; subject, "Peace and Arbitration."

LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS

Nov. 27, 1910

Charleston, W. Va.,
Howard University JOURNAL,
Howard University,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I congratulate the team and Coach in their splendid victory over Lincoln. The Alumni in Charleston are very proud of the clean record of the year. With best wishes for the JOURNAL and all else pertaining to dear old Howard.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Jones, Captain football
team '95 and '96.

The Chalfonte.

Atlantic City, N. J.

Nov. 25, 1910.

My dear Mr. Marshall:

Hurrah for the "Howard Team." Our men have brought honour and glory to their Alma Mater and I am proud of them and am shouting over the splendid victory. Extend to them my heartiest congratulations and the assurance of my gratitude and praise.

And we are all most grateful to you, who as coach and leader of our men, have brought victory to old Howard and have not once let our proud banner trail in the dust of defeat. All honor to the Team and to its Coach.

I did not get the news till today. Tried to reach Lincoln by 'phone last night, but failed.

Yours very sincerely,
W. P. Thirkield.

Nov. 25, 1910.

Philipsburg, Pa.

Mr. C. B. Curley,
Howard University,
Dear Curley:

I have just read in this morning's Philadelphia papers, that the glorious old "White and Blue" represented by the team which you have had the honor of managing this season has again wrested victory from the brawny sons of Lincoln. I know that you will believe me when I say that even you yourself could

not have felt more jubilant over this splendid piece of news than myself and I hasten to congratulate you and the team on their splendid work. While my body was here at home my soul and mind were with you on the Lincoln field where I wish, too, that I might have been. May brave and stalwart sons be always found to carry the name of old Howard to victory!

Your's in every thing that
s ands for a victorious Howard,
Moses Morrison

THE PAST FOOT BALL SEASON A SUCCESSFUL ONE

When we consider the success or failure of a foot ball season, we are more or less likely to form our estimation from too narrow a view. As we know, athletics forms one of the main branches in our recognized colleges, and foot ball is the greatest of all college sports.

When we speak of a successful season do we mean that the team has won all of its games, that the credit side of the financial pages over balance the debit side? Do we mean that definite pecuniary profit has been realized? If these conditions alone make up a successful season, we all must readily agree that the past season was two thirds a failure.

But, on the other hand, since foot ball is the leading athletic sport in this university, the prime function of the management is to conduct the season so as to create the greatest enthusiasm and spirit in the University.

The success of the past season was the result of deliberation and effort on the part of the manager. Having been in constant touch with him, I can say truly, that what has probably seemed easy has been obtained by great effort and self denial on part of the manager.

Keep posted on what's going on,
read the JOURNAL.

NOTES OF LINCOLN-HOWARD GAME

Howard was penalized twice, each time fifteen yards. Lincoln suffered a twenty-five yard penalty for slugging and fifteen yards for offside play.

With the ball on his five yard line, Terry kicked the ball straight up in the air. Luckily for his team, a Howard man recovered the ball and on the next line up, Brice sent it to the forty-five yard line.

Brice, the diminutive Howard quarter back, of whom great things were expected, failed to run through Lincoln's line as he did in the Shaw and Hampton games. Nearly every time he was thrown for a loss.

In the second quarter a Howard man intercepted a forward pass but could not hold it. The Lincoln right end pounced upon the ball and ran twenty yards for a touchdown. It was not allowed on account of an offside play.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

We do not believe that the student body is doing all that it might in the interest of Bible study work. The following is quoted from Secretary Burton's letter to the President of the university. "I believe firmly that we are just at the beginning of great things in our association work among students and Howard will do wisely to take the leadership that should be rightly expected of her in the development of the work that is proposed." To assume that leadership means just one thing. Let every student who has signed a pledge make arrangements now for active work in some Bible class. The latest class to be formed is an afternoon class for the benefit of those who find it impossible to attend evening classes. A schedule of classes thus far arranged will be found elsewhere in the JOURNAL.

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EDITORIALS

• The Science Hall is heated with cold steam, the first product of its kind on the market. Is economy or lack of sufficient pressure the cause of the frigidity?

• The Fisk Jubilee Singers by their masterly rendition of song and verse made a great impression upon a large and appreciative audience. They put soul into the old plantation songs and rendered beautifully several classical numbers. So well did they sing that they have resurrected an emetic sentimentality that would incorporate into our curri-

culum the wholesale singing of these Negro Folk-songs. Last year this Folk-song question caused quite a muddle, and on account of some quasi-press correspondent the public was given the impression that the student body was on the verge of rebellion.

There are some in our student body who will sing these songs until the day they die, there are others who will not sing them whether they die or not. It is not a case of indifference on the part of those who refuse to sing, but only a difference of opinion. Some have heard these songs all of their lives, some have sung them in the home and in church, there are others whose training has been against forever refreshing in their memory the bloody lashes our forefathers received at the hands of cruel slave-holders. There are others who take no delight in bringing to their remembrance the trials and the tribulations of our poor fathers the proceeds of whose unrequited toil purchased the very fetters that bound them and furnished the beautiful mansions into which their blossoming, ebony daughters were pressed into an unwilling concubinage. To some these reflections are inseparable from the singing of these plantation melodies.

No one must exhort the German to sing his folk-songs. They are born with these songs in their mouths; they love them. Their folk-songs are a part of German life. These songs which we call our folk-songs are not a part of us as a race and they can scarcely be considered the proper solder with which to weld this people together.

Who has suffered more persecution than the Jew? Where are his folk-songs? Is he thrifty, is he prosperous? Does he sit down and cry, and mourn, and groan and lapse into some sort of hynological hysteria because his race has been forever persecuted?

No; the Jews "hanged their harps upon the willows; for they that carried" them "away captive required of" them "a song; and they that wasted" them "required of" them "mirth, saying, sing us one of the songs of Zion." Thus did the Jews refuse to sing, but they learn, they work, they save and consequently, control the money markets of the world. We have no time to cry; the world is before us and we must prove our fitness to be in it. We must make ourselves respected in it. If we as a race need any special songs we need something dashing, something martial to stir us on to our work, to stimulate our activity—something on the order of La Marseillaise.

The songs within themselves are not distasteful. Many of them are pretty. We can appreciate these songs, but we do not wish to make a specialty of them, nor do we wish to put ourselves on exhibition. We can organize little glee clubs among ourselves and sing the soothing melodies in our rooms, but when our distinguished visitors call upon us we would much rather sing 704 or 610. In this matter we foster no false pride neither do we exhibit an impressive specimen of hypocrisy—in short, Howard University is not the place for the fostering of these songs nor for placing ourselves affectedly on exhibition.

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RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTION

Knowledge is power and power always carries along with it a sense of responsibility. How should the Howard collegian and alumnus interpret this responsibility? He should interpret it in terms of "action". A speaker on our chapel rostrum a few days ago told us we were to translate our privilege in terms of responsibility. By responsibility he meant, not merely a thing to be felt, a product of sensation, but emotion—a high sense of duty—translated into "action".

Now I am not going into the details of the many responsibilities we as college men and women, owe the world. Because of our training we owe much to our nation, to our race, to our church—and generally to society. But the responsibility that looms up in my mind is far more significant than all others is the responsibility we owe to our race, to lead them in this a most crucial period of our nations' history, into political independence and recognition.

If we are ever to get recognition it will be because we fight for it. We—the trained college men—should be the leaders in this fight. We should not fear the outcome; for we know we are right and right always triumphs. Our broad training enables us to appreciate the white citizen's position as well as ours. But this should not keep us from fighting. We are fighting for his welfare as well as for ours. All may not see it but we know that all broad minded and educated men believe that the progress of the nation depends on the furtherance of the eternal principles of democracy; and, in proportion as the nation adopts these principles of equality, just as much the stronger will she become—just so much longer will she endure. We believe in democracy and we have faith in the American people—the faith that tells us that eventually they will come to

see that democracy means the participation in government of all this great country's heterogeneous mass of people.

Therefore, since we believe in the ultimate triumph of democracy there is nothing else on earth for us to do but to stand up for what we believe and to hurl our energies into this fight of the centuries for true democratic liberty. We must take action in this battle. Of course it will not always be direct opposition, in many cases but it will have to be diplomacy; but whatever form it may take let it be positive "Action," and not negative inertia, which some Booker Tenans would have us believe will give us "all our rights." —ENGLISH.

THE EUREKA

At its last meeting, the Eureka Society was favored with the presence of two members of faculty, Messrs. E. M. Pollard and F. B. Washington, and in addition to this surprise was added the presence of the young ladies of the Academy. The sight of these visitors had such a marked effect upon the members, that the rendition and general behavior excelled many past meetings.

After first listening to a part of the program, Mr. Pollard delivered an inspiring address to the society. Taking the life of Napoleon as a model for perseverance and sacrifice, in that flow of eloquence that has championed the cause of Howard on the rostrum, he emphasized the value of a strong force of character; and the necessity of sacrifice and perseverance in the accomplishment of any great purpose in life. "We as students," he said, "should study the life of Napoleon for the striking lesson of sacrifice and perseverance it teaches. In it we observe that this leader of men underwent all sorts of privation in his endeavor to accomplish the fond hopes of his life, and not even did the natural barriers of Alpine regions daunt his cour-

age." "We have also noticed," he continued, "that every great change in history has been brought about either by a great sacrifice of life, or by a tremendous effort. Our success, therefore, as a race, depends largely upon the attainments of each individual member." In his closing remarks, Mr. Pollard warned the students against yielding to the temptations of this city and strongly emphasized the benefits derived from literary societies.

Mr. Washington then briefly expressed his appreciations of the originality of several pieces rendered. He highly recommended the practice of public speaking as a medium of culture and and, for the benefit it renders to the human family.

After a warm discussin on the advisability of the annexation of Canada to the United States, the meeting adjourned, highly benefited by the words of inspiration.

W. A. P.

CAMPUS JOTS

W. E. League of Maidisonville, Ky., paid a visit to ward recently. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with Howard University. Mr. League is a man of wealth and influence and holds a high position in the great St. Bernard Mining Co. which dictates all coal terms west of the Alleghanies.

President Thirkield presided on Tuesday night, the 22nd, at the closing session of the Association for Equalizing Industrial Opportunity, in Philadelphia, a convention participated in by Bishop Alexander Macey Smith and many leading clergymen and laymen. He was also present at the installation given Dr. Cox as pastor of the Central Congregational Church. President Thirkield has given addresses at several other functions during the past week, and represented Howard University at the dedication of the new buildings of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, erected at a cost of over a million dollars.

HOWARD ELEVEN NEGRO CHAMPIONS

Team Has Met All Colleges in Southern States

GOAL LINE STILL UNCROSSED

Brief Sketch of the Players—Coach Earnest Marshall Must be Given All Credit Due Him—Inclosed Grounds Needed to Make Financial Success. Students' Loyalty Great.

Howard University, for the second time, has won the championship of the Negro colleges in this country. During two seasons of play the home institution has not had its goal line crossed and has played the strongest colleges in the Southern States. Shaw University eleven was first met and proved easy for Howard. Hampton, heralded as a strong opponent, loomed forth, but met an avalanche of touchdowns and was buried by a score of 38 to 0. It was claimed by Hampton men that their game with Lincoln a week previous had disabled the team too much to offer first-class resistance. Howard next met her grand rival, upon whom she has only lately been able to make an impression, and for the first time in the history of football relations defeated the Lincoln team at Lincoln by a count of 5 to 0 after a most grueling gridiron struggle.

SKETCH OF PLAYERS

Numbering among its players some of the greatest ever seen on a gridiron, it is expected that Howard should be hailed as champions among colored institutions. Ed. Gray, Terry and Allen of Howard make a trio the equal of any backfield in the country. Two years ago Gray was selected by Walter Camp as the third best back in the country during his first year at Amherst, and to all who know him he improves each season. Terry is fully his equal. Slaughter, a newcomer at Howard, is a classy end rush. Clelland is quiet but a strong get-there player. Brice

makes a good quarter, and Moore does well at center, but all other positions might be improved upon. Branch at Lincoln University, and Bird, of the same institution, would make Howard's team or any other.

COACH GIVEN DUE CREDIT

Coach Earnest Marshall is to be given credit for the fine showing of his team, but greater than all must be considered the splendid sportsmanlike attitude and playing he instills into the players. Manager Curley fills the bill, and affairs have been conducted in estimable style, but not until the hilltop authorities can so inclose the playing ground to effect closer admission will financial gains be netted. The services of Prof. Charles Cook and Prof. William Joiner are missed sadly, but Profs. Kelly Miller and George Cook are efficiently handling the situation from the faculty side. It is expected that Howard may arrange a game with Carlisle or some of the Northern college football elevens here on the home grounds, and a surer test of skill will come. The student body comes in for its share of praise, for the splendid loyalty it has shown in support of the team. The season of 1910 will long be remembered.

The honor roll:

Tyson, left end; Durrah, left tackle; Smith, left guard; Moore, center; Clelland, right guard; Bell, right tackle; Slaughter, right end; Brice, quarter back; Gray, right half back; Terry, left half back; Allen, full back, capt.

Manager, C. B. Curley; Coach, Professor E. Marshall.
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SENIOR DENTS HOLD ELECTION

The Senior Dental Class of Howard University elected the following gentlemen to act as class officials for school year beginning October 1st 1910 and ending June 1911.

The code of officers are as follows:—
T. E. Harris, President.

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Prayer Meeting, Clark Hall, 7 a. m.
Bible Classes, Main Building, 9 a. m.
Y. M. C. A., Library Hall, 3 a. m.
Vespers, Rankin Chapel, 4:30 p. m.
Y. W. C. A., Miner Hall, 6 p. m.

MONDAY

Athletic Association. Main Building, 8:00 p. m.

TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting, Library Hall, 6:30 p. m.
Bible Class, Men of Old Testament, Prof. Washington, at 8 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, Outlines of Biblical Facts and History, Coach Marshall, 6:00 p. m.
Bible Class, Outlines of Biblical Facts and History, Prof. Brawley, 8:00 p. m.

THURSDAY

Bible Class, Life of Christ, E. M. A. Chandler, 8:00 p. m.
Bible Class, Men of Old Testament, Mr. Gregory, 8:00 p. m.

FRIDAY

Pestalozzi-Froebel, Main Building, 3 p. m.
Alpha Phi, Library Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Eureka Society, Main Building 8 p. m.

SATURDAY

Kappa Sigma Debating Club, Library Hall, 8:15 p. m.
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